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TO : Deputy Director/Intelligence  
FROM : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Urgent Requirements Relating to possible Expanded Chinese Communist Participation in Indochina.

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1. This office is aware of a high priority program initiated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to photograph several important centers in [REDACTED] and has submitted "targets of opportunity" for inclusion on the JCS list as requested by PI/RR. It is believed, however, that the prompt detection of increased Chinese Communist logistical support to the Viet Minh or intervention with military units in the Indochina war is also of the highest priority at this time and that, in addition to the JCS targets, immediate attention should be given to those key targets (list attached) bearing directly on this problem. It is essential, also, that these targets receive photo coverage at short intervals in order that movements and concentrations can be quickly detected.

2. Since the need for this intelligence is urgent, it is recommended that the photo intelligence targets below be forwarded to the Deputy Director for Intelligence, the Joint Staff, with a request for appropriate action.

3. This office is making every effort through other source agencies to obtain current information on this problem; however it is believed that photo intelligence is likely to provide the most timely and accurate information required.

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